

PRESIDENT LEGG TO THE MINERS

Explains Dolan's Actions at Indianapolis.

HE VOTED WITH OPERATORS.

President Legg Says Little Attention Should be Given to Reports of the Pittsburg Conference — Massillon Miners Will Stand Firm.

The possibility of a strike of the organized miners of the United States has awakened interest in the Massillon district such as has not existed for several years. The joint conference of miners and operators at Indianapolis adjourned without an agreement. District conventions will be held within the next few weeks. The first of these is that of district No. 5, at Pittsburg, which is in session at the present time.

Patrick Dolan is president of the miners' union of that district and because he voted with the operators in the Indianapolis convention an effort has been made to make him resign. Mr. Dolan's action caused excitement when he cast the vote for the Pittsburg district for the operators' proposition. President Legg, of the Massillon district, says that Mr. Dolan attended a meeting of the miners' scale committee one evening and voted with the miners to reject the operators' proposition, but when the joint conference was called to order next morning Mr. Dolan voted directly opposite to his instructions. The Pittsburg district is a large one and has been controlled to a large extent by President Dolan for several years. His action in the Indianapolis convention has stirred the miners to an unusual degree.

President Legg has watched the reports of the Pittsburg district conference and granted the following interview to The Independent Thursday. To the miners of the Massillon district Mr. Legg spoke as follows:

"On account of misleading newspaper reports coming from Pittsburg concerning the joint conference of the miners and operators, I wish to give the real facts that took place in the Indianapolis conference.

"I wish to say to the miners of the Massillon district in particular that they should pay but little attention to the newspaper reports from the Pittsburg convention, especially to the utterances of Patrick Dolan. I was a member of the scale committee and attended every session at Indianapolis and it was perfectly plain to me that every utterance of President John Mitchell was dictated by his conscience. It was a common occurrence for President Mitchell and Vice President Lewis to consult each other before any statements of importance were made.

"It has been stated that some friction existed between those two officers. If there was it was of a very mild character. I wish to say that the miners' side of the scale committee rejected the operators' proposition by a unanimous vote, Patrick Dolan's vote included. But on the following day Mr. Dolan voted with the operators. It must have been a powerful influence that caused Mr. Dolan to vote contrary to the wishes of the scale committee, contrary to the wishes of the Pittsburg delegation and contrary to the wishes of the thirteen hundred delegates in the convention.

"Dolan's vote brought President Mitchell to his feet and he insisted on knowing how the Pittsburg delegates wished to vote. They arose unanimously in opposition to Dolan's vote. Vice President Lewis then took the floor and insisted that the other three votes be cast, which the Pittsburg district was entitled to. But Mr. Robbins, of the operators, succeeded in having the Pittsburg vote placed on the records as voting with the operators.

"Mr. Dolan's act has, thus far, but slightly injured our cause and the delegates at the Pittsburg convention owe to the miners of the entire country the removal of Mr. Dolan not only from his office but from the United Mine Workers of America.

"It has been stated that the Massillon miners are unprepared for a strike. I wish to state that if the operators insist that we must fight to maintain our rights, I hope the miners of the other districts will be able to stand as long and as firm as the Massillon district."

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NEW GAME LAWS.

Quail Will be Protected Until the Year 1910.

Quail and wild turkeys will be safe from hunters' dogs and guns in Ohio for the next three years, if the bill of Ashbrook, of Licking, becomes a law. Lehman, of Sandusky, has his name on a bill of much broader scope. It prohibits the killing of rabbits until November 25, 1908; of squirrels until September 10, 1910, and of quail until November 25, 1910. After that rabbits may be hunted between November 25 and December 10; squirrels from September 10 to October 10, and quail from November 25 to December 10. The latter, however, can be shot only when on the wing and no person may slaughter more than eighteen in a single day.

SUIT CREATES A SENSATION.

Proceedings Against Auditor in Common Pleas Court.

GRAVE CHARGES PREFERRED.

Prosecuting Attorney Seeks to Have Sixteen Hundred Dollars Alleged to Have Been Illegally Drawn as Fees Returned to County Treasury

Canton, Feb. 8.—Prosecuting Attorney Upham has commenced an action in common pleas court against County Auditor M. W. Oberlin to have \$1,600 returned to the treasury of the county, which, Upham claims, was illegally drawn by the auditor for supposed services rendered as secretary of the boards of review of Canton, Massillon and Alliance, during the years 1904 and 1905. The filing of this petition by the prosecutor was the result of an investigation made by State Senator Howe, who declared that some county auditors are drawing excessive fees for work which they never did as such secretary. The prosecutor declares that after Oberlin organized the different boards, making himself the secretary, he drew the money which is now sought to be collected. It compensated him for the entire number of days that the boards were in session, whereas, it is said, that neither the auditor nor his assistant were in attendance. The suit is said to be stirring up something of a sensation.

The terms of Probate Judge M. E. Aungst and Deputy Probate Judge Edwin I. Baer expire at midnight Thursday. They will be succeeded in office by Attorney C. C. Bow and A. L. Deal, respectively. For nineteen years Judge Aungst has been connected with the probate court. He served as deputy for thirteen years, enjoying two terms as judge. Deputy Baer has been in office for six years, acting in such capacity under Judge Aungst.

Canton is fast becoming a Puritanical city, for Dick High, one of the proprietors of the Courtland barber shop, has been arrested for keeping his place open on Sunday. He was taken before Justice Barrick and after a number of witnesses were examined was bound over to court. The barbers' union is back of the case.

EVANS—BOWSER.

Well Known Young People Married Thursday Evening.

Miss Ada M. Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Evans, and Mr. B. K. Bowsber, of Canton, were married at the home of the bride, 71 Duncan street, Thursday evening. The Rev. Stephen K. Mahon, of Mansfield, formerly pastor of the Wesley Methodist church in this city, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Vernon Wade Wagar, present pastor of the church. The ceremony was performed beneath a bower of palms and flowers at 7:30, in the presence of numerous relatives and friends. Miss Elizabeth Miller played the wedding march. Charles C. Evans, a brother of the bride, was best man, Mrs. Evans being matron of honor. Supper was served at the conclusion of the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bowsber left Friday morning for a trip to Pittsburg and Washington. On their return they will be at home at 1625 Pontius avenue, Canton.

Among the guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. William Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Elsass, John F. Evans, Miss Carrie Belle Arthur, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Roy W. Elsass, Miss Margaret Reese, Miss Elma F. Seufte, of this city; Peter J. Morgan, of Youngstown, and Daniel L. Dunlap, of Canton.

QUESTIONS FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT

Will Miners' Strike Disrupt Interstate Agreement?

ITS MEANING TO WAGE SCALE.

If a Strike is Declared It Will be the Third Within Sixteen Years — Prices for Mining Have Advanced Within That Time.

Will the interstate agreement between the coal miners and operators be a thing of the past if the miners go on strike April 1? This question is causing serious thought to both operators and miners.

There are many who think that it will mean the dissolution of the interstate agreement and a continual fight between the operators and miners over the wage scale. It is possible the operators would deal only with districts and the miners of the several districts in the four competitive states would receive different wages. These and other important questions have been brought to the front by the discussions of the past week and the disagreement between the miners and operators over the wage scale in the Indianapolis convention.

Patrick McBryde, secretary of the Pittsburg Vein Operators' Association, of Cleveland, has given the following interview concerning affairs at the Indianapolis convention:

"I do not think that the delegates to the miners' convention realized the responsibility resting upon them or they would have paused before committing their organization to a suspension of the coal mines of the country, under the conditions which exist at the present time.

"This will be the third suspension, if it is inaugurated, which has occurred within the past sixteen years. The first large suspension was called in 1894. The price for mining a ton of coal in Ohio was 50 cents per ton, with corresponding conditions throughout the United States.

"It is impossible for a miner to exist and work for less wages than was then paid. The suspension was called in desperation, the miners knowing there was every chance for improvements and none for retrogression; the result justified their claims.

"Another suspension occurred in 1897 when the price for mining in Ohio was 51 cents per ton. At the end of twelve weeks the miners secured an advance of 5 cents and a promise from the operators to re-establish the interstate movement.

"When the joint convention met in Chicago January 17, 1898, the Pittsburg district was paying 65 cents per ton over screen 1½ inches between bars, and a day's work consisted of ten hours. Ohio was paying 56 cents per ton over screen 1½ inches between bars, nine-hour working day. Indiana was paying 56 cents per ton, the same as Ohio, working nine hours. Danville, the basing point of Illinois, was paying 37 cents per ton, run-of-mine, with a working day of ten hours.

"The price paid per ton during the last scale year for Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana, over 1½ screen, was 85 cents per ton, and Danville 53 cents per ton for run-of-mine coal. The day wages around the mines have more than kept pace with the increase paid the miners. The mine drivers' wages under the 56-cent rate were \$1.65 per day. His wages under the existing scale are \$2.48 per day of eight hours. "The present prices are the highest paid throughout the country, in the history of the interstate agreement, with the exception of one year, 1893, when the price was 90 cents per ton.

"Two years ago the operators asked for a reduction of 5.55 per cent. The miners granted the reduction by a small majority in a referendum vote."

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL SHOT.

His Assailant, a Woman, is Killed by an Orderly.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The admiralty has received a report from the surgeon in charge of Vice Admiral Chouknin, who was shot by a woman in his office in Sebastopol yesterday, to the effect that his wounds are not dangerous. Rear Admiral Grigorovich has assumed command of the Black sea fleet as successor to Chouknin. The vice admiral's assailant, who was shot and killed by an orderly who rushed to the admiral's assistance, is believed to have been an emissary of the St. Petersburg group of terrorists.

LONGWORTH BETTER.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Representative Nicholas Longworth, who is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis, is reported much better today. It will be necessary, however, for him to remain quiet several days.

WORTH CAREFUL STUDY.

Curiosities in the Museum at the Public Library.

Patrons of the McClymonds public library will find the archaeological and ethnological collection and the many curiosities from foreign lands, presented to the library by Dr. A. Per Lee Pease, well worthy of careful study with the assistance of the catalogue, copies of which will be found in the museum on the second floor. The room is open at all regular library hours. Its door is the first to the left at the head of the staircase.

NEW COTTAGE IS NOW IN USE

Seventy Patients were Taken from Other Cottages.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE WAS HERE

There Will be No Junket of the Legislators to State Institutions This Year—Hospital for Criminal Insane.

The new cottage which has been built at the Massillon state hospital was opened last Thursday, when the patients from cottage B were transferred to cottage No. 5, which is the number of the new cottage. There are now seventy patients in cottage No. 5. The capacity of the building is seventy-four. The furniture which was formerly in cottage B has been put in the new cottage. New furniture for cottage B has been ordered but it has not yet arrived. The contract for the interior decoration of cottage No. 5 has been let to Asmus & Konter. Numerous repairs are being made in cottage B, which has been left vacant by the transfer of patients to No. 5.

The new cottage is one of the finest on the grounds. It is located at the southwest corner of the building plat and faces the plains. It is similar in appearance to the other cottages and was built from appropriations made by the general assembly two years ago. There have been several delays in constructing the cottage. It has long been needed and already there are evidences that another cottage will be needed the coming year. Requests from probate judges in the Massillon hospital district indicate that there are many patients yet to be brought to the institution.

The sub-finance committee of the general assembly visited the Massillon hospital Saturday. Last year the entire committee of finance made a tour of the different hospitals of the state, while this year the committee has been divided into sub-committees and each one makes a report on the hospital to which it has been assigned.

At the meeting of the superintendents of the hospitals of the state, which was recently held in Columbus, it was proposed to make the Lima hospital a hospital for criminal cases only. While it may be several years before this is done, it is thought that it will eventually be accomplished. For years the heads of the hospitals for insane have felt the need of an institution for the criminal insane. Ohio is not so far advanced in the methods of caring for her insane as some other states. Here all classes are sent to some one of the several hospitals without reference to their past or present condition. This method has often caused serious difficulties and has in a measure curtailed some of the usefulness of the state institutions. The present movement to have a hospital for the criminal insane established is but the beginning of a system that may take many years to work out but which will lead to the classifying of the hospitals and giving greater individual work to the physicians along specified lines. It will have a tendency to develop physicians along special forms of insanity.

The dramatic club of the hospital is holding daily rehearsals for the play which will be given about the middle of this month. The play is a two-act farce comedy entitled "Charlie's Aunt."

ROUTE OF THE W. & L. E. CUT-OFF

Many Excellent Farms Have Been Purchased.

ONE-HALF MILE FROM JUSTUS.

Nearly One Thousand Acres

Have Been Bought in Sugar-creek Township—Only Right of Way in Bethlehem.

The route of the Sugar Creek & Northern railroad through Stark county has been practically decided upon. The new line is a branch of the Wheeling & Lake Erie running between Bolivar and Orrville. Bolivar is on the line between Tuscarawas and Stark counties. The new line leaves the main road just at the north limits of that village. Because of a large curve in the Tuscarawas river just west of Bolivar, the road takes a westerly course for a mile. The line then curves to the north and enters Stark county in Bethlehem township.

The exact route through the lower part of Bethlehem township has not been determined, although the road will follow the valley of the Tuscarawas. After leaving the Tuscarawas valley, the route is through the Bixler farms, the land belonging to J. S. Wagner, H. R. Bennett, John Hensel, Jacob Noffsinger, Michael Zintmaster, Webster Lonas, Robert Sluts and John Grossklaus. The latter's farm is a short distance southwest of Navarre and the western line of the farm is the western boundary of Bethlehem township. Through this township the company has not endeavored to secure more than a right of way for a double track road with the necessary side-tracks. All of the land has not yet been secured in fee simple. The company has given less attention to the route through this township than through Sugarcreek township.

It is in Sugarcreek township that the greatest work has been done in securing options and purchasing land. The direction of the road through Bethlehem township is northwest, while the line through Sugarcreek township is almost due west. The proposed route follows a quarter section line, which runs just a half mile north of Justus. After the line leaves Sugarcreek township the route again takes a northwesterly course to Orrville, passing east of West Lebanon.

If present plans are carried out the Wheeling & Lake Erie will continue to do active work in Sugarcreek township for a number of years. The road enters the township on the Amos Kaib farm and takes off land along the north side of the quarter section line for the railroad. Other lands are to be used for other purposes. The road then passes through the farms owned by John A. Stahl, F. S. Zintmaster, Z. Baughman, J. B. Wilhelm, Jacob Liefer, A. Warstler, Clinton McFarren, Daniel Baughman, a second farm owned by Clinton McFarren, Christian Graber and R. S. Warwick. The latter's farm is on the western boundary of the township and the county. Reference to a map shows that the line will be an east and west line through the farms mentioned.

The route selected is, however, but the smallest part of the land already purchased in Sugarcreek township. The right of way has not all been secured through one or two farms on the eastern boundary of the township, but west of the Jacob Liefer farm the company has purchased and already paid for hundreds of acres of fine farm land. Beginning at the west line of the Jacob Liefer farm the company has purchased the lands belonging to the H. McFarren estate of 30 acres, Clinton McFarren 160 acres, Daniel Baughman 160 acres, John McFarren 80 acres, George McFarren 78 acres, R. W. Kingle 158 acres, P. King 67 acres, A. Warstler and E. Baughman 91 acres and A. A. McFarren 108 acres. These farms have been taken entirely. Other lands have been taken under option and parts of several farms are desired. The company wants all the land north of Sugarcreek and south of the new line. At places this is but a narrow strip but at present the company has purchased nearly one thousand acres.

The land included in the Daniel Baughman, Clinton McFarren, R. W. Kingle, John McFarren and P. King farms is the best suited for building purposes. Much of the other land is rolling. The Sugar creek runs near much of the land and Elm creek makes several low places. The Clinton McFarren farm is level and high and will make excellent sites for buildings. Just what the lowlands are to be used

for has not been given out. One dispatch says the company will build large shops, terminal yards, a hospital and homes for trainmen. The land owned by the company and another incorporation, which also has options on many acres, will afford ample room for residence.

After the line leaves Stark county it takes almost a direct line to Orrville. The general line is along the east bank of the Sugar creek. At the state road south of Orrville, the railroad will branch to the west for the second time and strike the main line at the overhead bridge, which spans the Pennsylvania and C. & C. railroads. Between a point east of West Lebanon and Orrville the road runs through many acres of bottom land, which overflow at times of high water. Just how the road is to be built through there to avoid trouble from freshets is not given out. Work on the road is to be commenced this spring.

MINERS OPPOSE THE INJUNCTION

Hearing of the Case Fixed for Next Wednesday.

CLAIMS MADE BY PRES. DOLAN.

Funds of Miners' Union Can be Used in Paying Lawyers to Fight the Injunction—Defendants Number One Hundred and Thirty-nine.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—A brief hearing on the temporary injunction secured yesterday by President Patrick Dolan, of the Pittsburg district of miners, against one hundred and thirty-nine delegates attending the district convention, restraining them from interfering with his powers as president, was held today before Judge Frazier, in common pleas court. Additional time was required by the defendants, and Wednesday afternoon was filed for the final hearing. The convention held a stormy session one hour previous to going to court in a body. National Vice President Lewis announced that he had received a telegram from President Mitchell advising the board of the Pittsburg district that they were permitted to draw on their treasury for funds to retain legal talent in injunction proceedings.

In his petition Dolan says he is the duly elected president of district No. 5, being elected by the direct vote of the miners having a membership in the union. He further declares that the delegates, on the first day of this convention and on every day succeeding, have, by disorder and threats, attempted, and still are attempting, to secure his removal from his position as president officer, without authorization from the miners who elected him to that office. He says that the delegates have no proper authority for their action.

Finally, Dolan complains that unless he is afforded relief the interests of 20,000 miners, whom he represents, will be jeopardized, and the funds of the treasury, amounting to over \$25,000, will be put into the hands of irresponsible persons, without authority and not elected by the miners, who are the lawful owners of the funds.

SUFFERING AT LITTLETON.

Scores of Families Were Rendered Homeless.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports received here today from Littleton, W. Va., which was almost devastated yesterday by fire, say there is much suffering among families whose homes were destroyed on account of the cold weather. Scores of families are huddled together over the embers of their homes and deaths are likely to result.

RESCUE WORK BLOCKED.

Slate Fall Fills Passage in Parral Mine.

Thurmond, W. Va., Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The rescuing party in the Parral shaft mine encountered a slate fall today and has not reached the point where the entombed men perished. The mine is flooded with water and is still filled with gas. Extra fans and pumps have been working night and day, but are unable to get a circulation of air beyond the slate fall.

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MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1906

The Carrollton Republican Standard

gently remonstrates with its delin-

quent subscribers thus:

"Please come forward all you who

are back."

How much kinder than the brusque

and cold hearted "please remit."

POSSIBLE STEAM AND TRAC-

TION WAR? BE.

The establishment of a two-cent a

mile fare on the steam railroads in

Ohio will bring the fares on these

roads nearer the fares charged on the

electric lines and may lead to many

fights for supremacy. The steam roads

have long looked with envy upon the

patronage given the electric lines. It

seems that one of the immediate re-

sults will be a warfare for the greater

part of the travel for short distances.

The established rate for electric lines

has been one and a half cents a mile.

Steam roads will continue to fight to

maintain their prestige and the trac-

tion companies for continued exist-

ence.

It has been realized for some time

that the electric lines obtained large

patronage because of the cheaper fares,

the one thing they offered to offset

speed on the steam roads. Now that

the steam roads are to reduce their

fares, this advantage has been taken

from the electric lines to some extent.

The reduction of the steam road rates

also prevents the traction companies

from raising their rates. Traction

lines have been striving for affiliation

with steam roads for five years but the

difference in fares has always been in

the way. With this difficulty nearly

eliminated a little foresight will bring

the logical conclusion that traction and

steam roads will be affiliated in a few

years. The argument carried to the

end will show that the steam roads

will absorb the electric lines when

electricity replaces steam as a motive

power on the steam roads.

THE LINCOLN FARM ASSOCIA-

TION

In view of the fact that the 12th of

this month is the ninety-seventh an-

niversary of Lincoln's birthday, es-

pecial interest attaches to the formation

of the Lincoln Farm Association, or-

ganized and incorporated to develop

the Lincoln birthplace into a national

park. Robert J. Collier, owner of Col-

lier's Weekly, recently purchased the

Kentucky farm for \$3,600, and is the

moving spirit of the association. He

will give to it the deed to the farm and

the historic ground will be owned and

cared for by a self-perpetuating com-

mittee of patriotic citizens, to whom

will be entrusted the expenditure of a

subsidy raised by members of the as-

sociation. Any person may become a

member of the association by sending

to Clarence H. Mackay, Treasurer Lin-

coln Farm Association, 74 Broadway,



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Two Japs got hold of a small piece

of land in Florida last year and made

\$3,000 raising tomatoes.

The mission of a second wife is to

make a man think more of the first one

than he ever did when she was alive.

The United States will have about

200,000,000 bushels of the wheat crop of

1905 to spare, the crop last year being

one of the largest ever grown.

The agricultural department places

the value of the corn crop of 1905 at

a billion dollars. No other crop grown

anywhere on earth is worth so large a

sum.

The intrinsic value of any soil lies

in its ability to produce grass. If grass

can be made to grow on any soil it is

all right. If grass will not grow it is

best let alone.

The country school where ten or fif-

teen little folks are taught by a bright

woman is about the best kind of school

to be found. It is better than a town

school where thirty pupils are depend-

ent upon the same woman.

The owners of those western Kansas

cheap lands not long since considered

almost worthless are making fortunes

out of them from the fine crops of win-

ter wheat which the unusual rains of

the past three years have enabled them

to grow.

Millions of people in the northern

provinces of Japan are in danger of

starvation. The officials of that coun-

try should get these unfortunates over

into Korea or Manchuria, where they

could find good land to work and a

decent climate to live under.

The United States will never have to

meet any foreign competition in fur-

nishing the world's supply of cotton.

The best efforts of European nations

to find some part of the earth where

cotton could be successfully grown

outside of the United States have end-

ed in failure.

The irrigating works planned for and

many of which are already under con-

struction by the government in this

country are destined to become among

the most noted engineering achieve-

ments of the century. To carry the

life giving water on to worthless desert

acres and make them worth \$100 or

more each is a wonderful and benefi-

cent work.

Cities which are located in the vicin-

ity of mines of soft coal, where this

fuel, because of its cheapness, excludes

others, and which are usually befooled

with the omnipresent soot and smoke,

should devise some method of generat-

ing all the light, power and heat re-

quired by the city out at the mines and

transmit the same in the form of elec-

tricity and gas for use. It would seem

as though modern engineering skill was

equal to the solution of this problem.

We note the hiring of a farm hand

for a year at \$30 per month, board and

washing. This is easily equivalent to

the \$45 per month paid to the clerk in

some city office or store with the added

advantage that the farm hand can

save up \$3 where the town man can

none. We recall the time when the

farmer could hire just as good a hand

for \$12 per month, and there were

more men after the twelve dollar job

than there are after the thirty dollar

Some of the Colorado apple orchards

have returned their owners as much as

\$500 per acre the past season.

It is very remarkable how many pedi-

greed cattle get killed by the cars.

Scrubs rarely ever stray on to the

tracks.

Oklahoma land of good quality would

be cheap at \$75 an acre if used for

cotton production at anything like pres-

ent prices for the staple.

The falls of the Zambezi river, in Af-

rica, known as the Victoria falls, would

be utilized for the generation of power

develop a power equal to that of 35,-

000,000 horses.

The south is fast becoming a vast

hotted and winter garden for the north

country. As a result we are getting

both vegetables and fruits in season

and out of season.

We know of one man who always

feels good at this time of the year, and

all because he makes it a rule to pay all

his debts at this time and start the new

year owing not a man.

It takes the first thirty bushels of

corn produced on an acre of land to

pay cost of production. So if you have

not raised over twenty-five bushels to

the acre you can tell just what is the

matter with you.

Europe produced 2,150,000 tons more

beet sugar last year than ever before.

When we get the Philippine Islanders

at work on sugar we will be virtually

independent of any foreign country for

our sugar supply.

One-half bale of cotton to the acre is

to the southern farmer just about what

forty bushels of corn to the acre are to

the northern farmer. A few cotton

growers get one bale to the acre, which

corresponds to the few men in the

north who raise eighty bushels of corn

to the acre.

In Iowa, the great corn state, the in-

terest taken by the farm boys in the

improvement of the crop is one of the

most helpful agencies at work toward

this end. The enthusiasm of these boys

is infectious, and many a man is learn-

ing how to grow corn from his twelve-

year-old boy.

Western farmers have been altogeth-

er too much interested in teams of

draft horses exhibited at various

state fairs purely for advertising pur-

poses by a lot of old brewers. A fine

horse never appears to greater disap-

pointment than when he is hauling a beer

wagon or a man when he is carrying a

load of the stuff.

The farm hand wanted today is not

so much a seller of crude muscle as

one trained in the handling of machin-

ery and stock. More and more is the

machine being made to do the work of

the man on the farm, and the man who

understands how to handle machinery

to the best advantage is the man who

is wanted on the farms of the country.

The temptation with the average meat

seller is so great to make his sausage

meat up of all sorts of scraps and odds

and ends in our larger towns it is prac-

tically impossible to buy a pound of

good sausage meat for love or money.

It seems strange that this should be so

when there is an almost unlimited de-

mand for a fine article of sausage at

big prices.

It is said that 5,000,000 of the people

of England are out of employment, all

on the ragged edge of poverty and

many of them half starved. Could they

only be sent to the United States there

would be work and food in plenty for

all. The women are wanted as domestic

help, the men as laborers on farm and

in factory and mine. Rich men

with money to throw to the dogs might

better turn their philanthropy in this

direction than to the establishment of

A REDEEMED FIELD.

We are just going to suppose that we

have had turned over to us forty acres

of poor, run down land to put into a

productive condition in the easiest way

and in the shortest time. We saw the

land the other day. It was originally

a piece of hazel brush land with a

clay loam soil. The reuter had had his

way with it for nigh on forty years

and had just skinned it to a bluish-so

robbed and malnourished it that for the

past four years it has been abandoned

to weed growth and vermin. The

ridges marking the last crop of corn

may still be seen, as well as here and

there a bleached and puny cornstalk,

evidence of the windup four years ago.

Next spring we are going to plow

this land well, not too deep, and then

give more disking and dragging than

it has had for twenty years past. When

we have got it worked down fine we

are going to sow fifteen pounds of

mammoth clover seed to the acre and

nothing else. As soon as the weeds

get four or five inches high we will

run the moving machine over it and

six weeks later will run over it again

with the mower, which will pretty ef-

fectually dispose of the weeds. After

this second clipping the clover should

begin to show up in good shape, when

we will pasture the field until win-

ter, putting not over twelve or fifteen

head of mature cattle in. The next

spring, along in the fore part of May,

we will run the machine over the

field just to hit the weeds; then we

will let it alone until the middle of

September and turn the crop under,

which will return a lot of needed hu-

mus to the soil; the next year plant

with corn, expecting fifty bushels an

acre; then a crop of oats, which will be

self seeded with clover; then repeat,

and in six years our worthless field is

the best field in the neighborhood. No

theory about this; just common sense,

that's all.

COUNTRY LIFE IN THE FUTURE.

Country life in the west and north-

west fifty years from now will be a

very different proposition from what it

is today. By that time the greed for

more land will have been abated and

the time come when men will not care

to own more acres than they can prop-

erly care for. This will insure a more

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150 HOMES IN ASHES

Littleton, West Virginia, Laid Low by Fire, Loss Being \$230,000.

DEMON RUM AIDS FIRE FIEND

Excited Men, Crazy Drunk, Add to Excitement—Eight Hundred Persons Homeless—Wheeling Starts Relief Fund—Supplies Forwarded.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 10.—What a few short hours ago was the town of Littleton, in Wetzel county, W. Va., is now a mass of smoking ruins. It is hard to imagine a more complete destruction. Conservative estimates place the loss at close to \$230,000 and not more than one-tenth of that is covered by insurance.

Shortly after noon an alarm of fire was sent in from the W. M. Crow grocery store, in the center of the town. In less than 10 minutes from the time the alarm the building was a mass of flame. Inside of 20 minutes the entire business block along the west of the Baltimore & Ohio track was blazing. In it was the bank of Littleton, the opera house, the Commercial hotel and several smaller stores and residences.

From this block the flames were swept across the Baltimore & Ohio track to the Exchange bank and the Delbrugge saloon and hotel. The hill back of this was built up almost to the top. In some places on what is known as Main street the hill was so steep that anchor lines were used to keep the houses from sliding down the hill. With a heavy wind beating against the hill, there soon followed one of the most spectacular fires ever witnessed in the state. Flames spread from house to house with a rapidity that the eye could scarcely follow. There was absolutely no way to check the onward march of the fire demon, and for a while the small army of men and boys who were fighting heroically almost gave up in despair.

Wheeling Engine Came Too Late. Several stands were made against the progress of the fire but of little avail. In the row of small business houses and dwellings along the railroad a half dozen efforts were made to check the flames, but each time the fire would push the men back. The fire at this time was still raging on the hill above the Methodist church, the big public school building, the residences of Charles Day, Ed Dally, William Ashcroft and William Anderson were wiped out, with the Wheeling department powerless to aid where a stream of water could have saved all of them.

A Wheeling fire engine reached Littleton about 4 o'clock, with the fire burning along two paths. There was no way to unload the big engine, and after shifting it around to several places it was finally gotten in shape to run off the truck when it was decided by Assistant Chief Clayer that it was not necessary, as the Cameron department, aided by several of the Wheeling department, were making their last stand against the fire.

Men laboring under the stress of the great excitement drank more than was good for them, and soon half the men in the town appeared to be drunk. At one time there were 10 fights in progress in one barroom. Police Close the Saloons.

This aroused the people and finally the police department was stirred up to a sense of duty and closed the place up. After this men pounded and cursed at the doors, but they were not admitted.

One hundred houses were burned and 150 families are homeless, numbering between 600 and 800 persons. Not 50 houses are left standing. The Wheeling board of trade last night inaugurated a relief movement and \$600 has been subscribed, besides large quantities of provisions and clothing. A special relief train went to Littleton from here this morning.

REDS TAKE VENGEANCE

Kill Three Members of Organization Composed of Spies.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Three employees of the Putiloff works belonging to the "party of active struggle against revolution and anarchy," the so-called Black Hundred, were surprised and killed by a party of revolutionary workmen. They were accused of furnishing the police with lists of revolutionary workmen and with assisting in making arrests and searches.

The Terrorist campaign has been vigorously prosecuted in the provinces of late. The disclosures of importation of arms into Finland have been followed by revelations that arms in large quantities have been imported through custom houses at Reval and other Baltic ports and forwarded to Moscow and other places in the interior. The official at Reval stated in his justification that the law only prohibited the importation of military rifles of the Russian pattern and said nothing about consignments of Mausers of the French and Belgian types, which are now being confiscated. Guards have been placed on the island of Nargen where suspicious ships have been observed.

Zuck's Appointment Affirmed. Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate has confirmed the appointment of J. R. Zuck as postmaster at Mount Pleasant, Pa.

BRIDEGROOM LAID UP

Representative Longworth Takes to Bed With Severe Cold.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, whose marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt is to take place one week from today, is ill at the home of his mother in this city. Mrs. Longworth stated last night, however, that the illness is not serious, that there is no reason for concern and that she expected her son would be well enough to come down stairs tomorrow.

Mr. Longworth has been suffering with a cold for several days and was not feeling very well when he went to the house of representatives Thursday morning. When he came home in the afternoon the cold had become aggravated somewhat and there was some fever.

Mr. Longworth also was suffering from the swelling of a tonsil. On Mrs. Longworth's advice he took to his bed and a physician was called. He has remained in bed since that time. The fever has disappeared and Mr. Longworth is better. Both Mrs. Longworth and the physician express the belief that with a few days rest and medical attention Mr. Longworth will be all right.

KIRSCHLER CLEARED

ALLEGHENY CANDIDATE EXONERATED OF CHARGE OF BANK WRECKING.

Washington, Feb. 10.—A short time ago Charles F. Kirschler, candidate for mayor of Allegheny, Pa., wrote the president saying that a certain preacher of his city had been charging him, sometimes openly and sometimes by insinuations and innuendoes, with responsibility for the failure of the Enterprise National bank, and asking that the matter be investigated. The president referred the letter to the secretary of the treasury, and he, in turn, asked the comptroller for a report. The comptroller's letter to the secretary of the treasury is as follows:

"I return herewith a letter from Mr. William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the president, and also a letter addressed to the president by Charles F. Kirschler, president of the Provident Trust company and Republican nominee for mayor of Allegheny, Pa. 'As requested by you, I have asked Thomas Rinaker, receiver of the Enterprise National bank, and Edward P. Moxey, special national bank examiner, detailed to investigate the affairs of the bank at the request of the department of justice, whether there is anything implicating Mr. Charles F. Kirschler or in any way connecting him with the failure of the Enterprise National bank.

"Mr. Moxey writes as follows: 'Thus far in my investigation I have not run across a record of any transaction that Charles F. Kirschler had with the bank, either as a maker or endorser of any note. His name does not appear to be among the depositors of the bank.'

"Mr. Rinaker writes and telegraphs me practically to the same effect, so that I am safe in saying that there has not been found in the Enterprise National bank any evidence at all to justify any charge that Mr. Kirschler was connected, directly or indirectly, with the failure of that bank."

LAWSON AT CAPITOL

Boston Financier Consults Statesmen at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston was at the capitol. He came to the senate wing first and then went to the house to see Representative McCall of Massachusetts. Mr. Lawson was the guest of Mr. McCall at luncheon at the capitol at which Speaker Cannon, Representative John Sharp Williams, Representative William Alden Smith and Representative Littlefield were other guests.

Mr. Lawson had a conference with Senator La Follette of Wisconsin during the afternoon. The senator is a member of the insurance committee which Mr. Lawson organized last summer and the conference was in relation to insurance affairs.

Mr. Lawson left last night in his private car for Baltimore. Mr. Lawson had a talk with Senator La Follette to obtain his consent to act as a member of the committee to vote at the coming annual meetings of the proxies of the policyholders of several of the life insurance companies of New York, which Mr. Lawson has collected. Senator La Follette was unable to give Mr. Lawson a positive reply, but promised to take the request under consideration. In Baltimore Mr. Lawson expects to see Governor Hanly of Indiana, who is east on a visit.

TILLMAN RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR DAWSON'S APPEAL

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Tillman will make an effort Monday to secure an investigation on the lines of the Gillespie resolution relative to the combination of eastern railroads under the management of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. He says the letter written by Governor Dawson of West Virginia shows a situation that needs an inquiry.

NEGRO'S BODY HURLED

INTO CAR OF ENGINE Greensburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Three negroes were struck by a train near Radebaugh. Henry Stanton was killed. His body was hurled through the window of the engine car, knocking the fireman from his seat. Cornelius Bland of Pittsburg was terribly hurt.

DEIGEN SLEW LEWIS

Confesses to Killing of Stockman in Quarrel About Money Matters.

STRUCK BLOW IN SELF DEFENSE

Asserts That Lewis Picked Up Stick of Wood to Strike Him and That He Used Similar Weapon in Beating Farmer to Death.

Warren, O., Feb. 10.—Charles C. Deigen, charged with the murder of R. K. Lewis at West Farmington, has made a signed confession to Prosecuting Attorney Wilkinson. He had maintained his innocence until last evening, when he broke down and confessed that he killed the wealthy farmer and stockdealer, whose body, covered with straw saturated with oil, was found in his burning house three weeks ago.

Deigen's story is that he had lent Lewis \$500 and that Lewis agreed to sell him five acres of land nearby and a horse for \$350. Two papers had been signed between them, one showing the agreement to sell the land and the other showing a payment of \$700 on the land and \$100 on the horse.

The night of the murder he met Lewis and walked home with him. Deigen demanded a deed for the property or his money back. Lewis refused both and offered land elsewhere.

Finally, Lewis picked up a log of wood. "I don't know whether he was going to hit me with it or put it in the fire," says Deigen. "But I picked up a round, smooth log and hit him over the head with it. Then I hit him three times more."

Detective Avery of Cleveland, whose work on the Lewis murder case led to the arrest and confession of Deigen, said this evening: "The first clue to Deigen was obtained from a railroad man who told us Deigen had gone to Pittsburg. Then I heard of a young woman who had received a letter from Miss Bessie Gillet, a nurse in a Pittsburg hospital, and I learned that the letter held reference to Deigen."

"I saw the letter and learned that Deigen was in the Pittsburg hospital. I went to Pittsburg immediately and learned that as soon as questioned Deigen spoke of the West Farmington murder and said that he had been attacked by the two men who committed the crime."

MRS. TAGGART IN PARIS

Captain Has Given Up Hope of Seeing Youngsters.

Wooster, O., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Grace Taggart is in Paris. From there she is writing her attorneys here. Her handwriting is so well known there can be no question of the fact, though the people to whom the letters are addressed deny they are from Mrs. Taggart.

With her there are her two boys, "Duster" and "Tiddles." Captain Taggart has given up all hope of ever seeing them again, though the court gave them into his custody when the decree of divorce was granted him.

James Sterling, the captain's chief attorney, says: "The captain may never again see his boys. Indecision and fear have cost him them. He should have taken the boys when they were given him—by force, if necessary. He lacked the determination to do this, and now has the humiliation of being outwitted by Mrs. Taggart. She would be foolish to return to America. She is in contempt of court."

ELEVEN MEN RESCUED

Slowly Parrall Mine Gives Up Its Burned Victims.

Hinton, W. Va., Feb. 10.—It now seems settled that there were 31 men in the Parrall mine near Oak Hill, Fayette county, when the explosion occurred. Eleven were rescued, six bodies have been recovered, leaving 14 in the mine. Some of those rescued may die.

The dead taken out are: George Morris, Ike Spears, Hans Cova, Joseph Hunter, Joe Lumley, one unidentified, all white. Robert Gill and Donald Bell are likely to die. The men rescued were not in that part of the mine where the explosion occurred.

The rescuing party, led by Superintendent Fred Dickson, continues the work of recovering bodies. It is thought the remaining 14 bodies can be got out tonight, but this depends on the interior condition of the mine.

Born in Ohio, Dies in the Faith. New York, Feb. 10.—The Rev. Samuel Hopkins Hadley, for 20 years superintendent of the old Jerry McAuley mission in Water street, is dead from appendicitis. Mr. Hadley was converted many years ago at the mission of which he afterwards became the head. He was born 63 years ago in Malta township, Morgan county, Ohio. The Jerry McAuley mission was founded by a reformed drunkard.

\$55,000 Fire at Newark, O. Newark, O., Feb. 10.—Fire broke out in a large three-story brick building occupied by the cigar factory of John and Harry Swisher, damaging the building and contents to the extent of about \$55,000, on which there is an insurance of \$25,000.

HEAVY SNOW IN EAST

Two Feet of Wintry Precipitation in Mountain Regions.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—The snow storm throughout the eastern portion of Pennsylvania was the heaviest of the winter. In the mountain regions from 15 inches to two feet of snow were reported. Steam railroad and electric railway traffic was considerably delayed during the early hours of the day, but last night the situation was so much improved that there was little or no delay reported.

A large number of collisions in the anthracite regions were unable to operate because of the scarcity of cars and the inability of sufficient men to reach the mines.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 10.—Sixteen inches of snow fall and has badly crippled business. All the steam railroads were hampered and the traction lines throughout the valley were tied up until a late hour last night. The snow in the mountains is said to be two and three feet deep. All the collieries were forced to close down.

Northfield, Vt., Feb. 10.—A fall of 20 inches of snow is pleasing to lumbermen, who have lost \$300 a day through inability to get out their timber on account of the bare ground.

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 10.—The heaviest snowstorm recorded here in 20 years has demoralized local traffic. In this city 30 inches of snow fell.

APPEALS TO COURTS

Dolan Secures Injunction to Prevent His Being Ousted.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—Patrick Dolan has successfully appealed to the courts to prevent the 136 delegates to the Fifth District convention of the United Mine Workers of America ejecting him from the presidency of the district organization Judge R. S. Fraser of common pleas court No. 2 has granted an injunction restraining the delegates from taking any action in that direction until a hearing, which is set for today, after which Judge Fraser will decide whether or not the injunction will be made permanent.

Dolan is represented by former Judge Edwin H. Stowe and the firm of Scandrett & Barnett. His petition alleges that the interests of the 20,000 miners in the Fifth district will be jeopardized unless he is continued as president of the organization.

WHITE HOUSE TOO SMALL

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Ask Friends to Be Considerate.

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Roosevelt authorized the following statement: "The president and Mrs. Roosevelt ask the kind consideration of many friends who would under ordinary circumstances receive invitations to Miss Roosevelt's wedding. The capacity of the white house requires that under existing circumstances invitations be limited to the closest kinfolk, the personal friends of Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth, and certain classes of officials in Washington. No friends of the president or Mrs. Roosevelt are being asked unless they also come within one of these classes, and even with these limitations the number of guests threatens to overtax the capacity of the white house."

THEIR FIRST SLEIGHRIDE

Chinese Commissioners Have New Experience at Ithaca, N. Y.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Viceroy Tuan Fang and Tai Hung Chi, the Imperial Chinese commissioners, enjoyed the first sleigh ride of their lives in this city after spending several hours visiting Cornell university.

When en route for the campus on a trolley car from the special train the visitors took much interest in passing sleighs and expressed a desire to ride in one. When the program at the university was concluded the party took a long drive into the country. The commissioners left Ithaca at midnight for Niagara Falls.

RAILROADS WILL FIGHT

Report at Columbus That They Will Resist 2-Cent Fare Law.

Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Pennsylvania Railroad company will commence a civil action against the 2-cent fare soon after March 10, when the law becomes effective. The company holds that the reduction of the rate to the point named practically amounts to confiscation of property. It is said that all other lines will assist in the suit.

WOMAN AGE 70 CUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—Sarah Jones, a 70-year-old woman, has been convicted of murder in the first degree here for the killing of her foster daughter's child within a few hours after it was born. The evidence showed that when the child was born the grandmother asked the attending physician to chloroform the baby, which he declined to do. The doctor notified the police of his suspicions and an investigation showed the child had been asphyxiated.

Wabash Going to Uniontown. Cumberland, Md., Feb. 10.—J. Monroe Turner of the Wabash railroad is buying right of way at Meyersdale, Pa. This would indicate that the proposed extension west will be via Meyersdale, Uniontown and Wheeling. Vice President Landstreet stated that that was the route that will most probably be taken.

RATE BILL SKIRMISH

Aldrich of Rhode Island Begins Opposition in Senate Committee Room.

HAS A CLASH WITH DOLLIVER

Latter Charges Rhode Island Millionaire With Lack of Good Faith in Offering Amendments to Hepburn Bill—Clapp Leaves in a Huff.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate committee on interstate commerce has begun consideration of the Hepburn rate bill, which has passed the house. This measure is now made the basis of legislation and has been taken up section by section. There was quite a discussion in the committee as to whether express companies and Pullman cars are included in this section; also whether under the terms of the section railroads would not be compelled to transfer freight in transit at the option of the shipper. Several amendments were suggested to meet objections raised by different senators.



SENATOR STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

It is generally conceded that the Hepburn bill with only few modifications will have a majority report when the committee votes next Friday.

It became evident during the discussion of the various amendments that the arrangements to discuss the bill during the next week would accomplish no important result, so great were the differences of the opponents and champions of the bill. Senators Clapp and Dolliver charged that the amendments were offered to obstruct the perfection of a bill that stands a good chance to be come a law. Senator Aldrich replied that the amendments had been offered seriously, whereupon Senator Clapp announced that he "would waste no more time" in a consideration of a bill but would be present to vote on the measure on February 16. He then left the committee room.

Dolliver Clashes With Aldrich. After the departure of Senator Clapp, Senator Dolliver took the committee to task for its "levity" in considering railroad rate legislation. He called attention to the fact that the committee had been conducting hearings since last summer and had not arrived at any agreement. He charged that some members of the committee did not appear to desire an agreement.

Objection was made by Senator Aldrich to the charge that "levity" had been displayed, and said that he had been serious in everything that he had offered. Warning up to the defense of his sincerity, he said that he would talk in any manner he pleased in discussing the proposed legislation and would not be called to account by Senator Dolliver. The Iowa senator, who is the particular champion of the Hepburn bill, with equal emphasis replied that he too would choose his own language and characterize as he chose the methods that he said had been resorted to. Chairman Elkins, who had participated in the early dispute, rapped for order, and a few minutes later the committee adjourned.

MISSIONS DESTROYED

Boxers Despoil Presbyterian and Catholic Stations in China.

Pekin, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Amoy confirms the report of the destruction of the English Presbyterian and Roman Catholic missions at Changpu, 30 miles from Amoy, by a mob described as having been composed of boxers. The damage amounts to \$50,000. The American missions were uninjured. Details are lacking. The sentiment in the neighborhood of Changpu is hostile to foreigners, and it is considered strange that the American missions were not molested, as the boycott of American goods is strong there.

Law Protects Secrecy. New York, Feb. 10.—A petition asking that the names and addresses of 750,000 policyholders of the New York Life Insurance company be made known to Clarence H. Venner and others has been denied by the appellate division of the supreme court.

Cummins Again a Candidate. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 10.—Governor A. B. Cummins has authorized the Register and Leader to announce that he will be a candidate this year for the Republican nomination for governor.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Summary of Business Conditions Throughout the Country.

New York, Feb. 10.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade says to-day: Distribution of heavy weight wearing apparel, fuel and other seasonal merchandise expanded rapidly in response to the more normal temperature but one week's business has not depleted the accumulation of last month and retail stocks of these goods are still burdensome. Reports are much more satisfactory, however, and an impetus has been given to wholesale trade in spring dry goods and other forward business depending upon confidence in continued national prosperity. Jobbing returns and manufacturing statements are indicative of little idle capacity, the leading industrial plants having added to their already heavy contracts on hand. Mercantile collections are prompt as a rule, although some extensions are asked. Commodity prices are fairly steady, no important variations occurring during the past week. The only adverse development of the week was the less pacific news from the coal fields, although a strike may be prevented by agreement any time before April 1.

Less urgency to place orders for iron and steel products during the past week is a satisfactory development because it testifies to the absence of speculative operations that might easily produce unwholesome inflation of prices. Yet the past week was by no means devoid of new inquiries particularly in regard to structural steel for lake vessel and manufacturing plants.

NOTED NEGRO POET DEAD

Paul Laurence Dunbar Succumbs After Three Years Illness

Dayton, O., Feb. 10.—Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet of the negro race, is dead at his home here, of consumption. For three years he has been seriously ill, and for a year critically ill, but he kept at his work intermittently, and wrote his last poem for his Christmas book, "Howdy, Honey, Honey," just before Christmas.

Mr. Dunbar was born in Dayton, June 27, 1872, and was first a newsboy and then an elevator boy, and in his ups and downs for a livelihood practiced writing. His first poem was written when he was seven years old. His first work to attract attention to him was a class poem written for the Steele high school in 1891. His first of a total of 21 books was "Oak and Ivy." His poem best known was "When Malindy Sings," which was written to his mother, whose name is Malindy.

Mr. Dunbar is survived by his mother, his wife and two half-brothers, Robert and William Murphy, who reside in Chicago. He will be buried in Woodland cemetery, this city, the first of next week, many persons of note being expected to attend.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Fear of damage to the wheat crop of the United States was the chief cause today of a strong local wheat market. At the close wheat for May delivery was up $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢. Oats showed a gain of $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢, and corn was unchanged. Closing quotations: Wheat, May, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; corn, May, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; oats, May, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

PITTSBURG MARKETS—FEB. 9.

Corn—New yellow shelled, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; new high mixed, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; new yellow ear, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Oats—No. 2 white, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 3, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@36 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$13.25@13.50; No. 2, \$11.50@12; No. 1 clover, \$9.50@10; No. 1 mixed, \$10@10.50. Eggs—Selected, 19¢@20¢. Butter—Prints, 30¢@30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; tubs, 28¢@29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; dairy, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Cheese—New York full cream, new, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@15; Ohio full cream, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@15; Wisconsin Swiss, 15¢@15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Limburger, new, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢@14.

Cattle—Prime to fancy, fat, smooth steers \$5.50@5.80; green, coarse and rough, fat steers, \$3.40@4; fat, smooth, dry fed, light steers, \$4@4.75; choice milk cows, \$35@50; medium to good milk cows, \$25@30; good, fat, smooth handy butchers' bulls, \$3.50@4; feeding steers, good style, weight and extra quality, \$2.50@4; feed steers, common to good quality, \$2@3.50; fair to choice stockers, \$2.85@3.40.

Calves—Veals, good to choice, \$8@8.75; veals, fair to good, \$6@7.50; heavy and thin calves, \$3@5.

Hogs—Good to prime heavy, \$6.25; choice medium weights, \$6.25@6.30; best heavy Yorkers, \$6.30; good light Yorkers, \$6.25@6.30; pigs, good to prime, \$5.20@6.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$5.50@5.75; good to choice mixed, \$5@5.40; fair to good mixed, \$4.25@5; culls and common, \$3@4; spring lambs, \$5@7.60.

Can Talk Without Tongue.

"There seems to be a mistaken impression abroad," remarked a doctor the other day in speaking of the case of a man who had his tongue cut out in an effort to cure a case of cancer of that member, "that when a man is unfortunate enough to lose his tongue thereforth all power of speech is denied him. This is not so. While it is true that not many men survive this operation for any great length of time, it is equally true that they can speak so long as they live and with only a comparatively slight impediment in their utterances. If you will hold a pencil crossways between your teeth and speak while it remains in that position you can get just the effect it has on human speech when the tongue is entirely removed."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Miss Ruth Breckel left for Youngstown Saturday to spend three weeks with her friend, Miss Cora Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brand, of West Brookfield, attended the funeral of Edward Brown, at Canal Fulton, on Friday.

A marriage license has been issued to Miss Ella Harig and Daniel Thomas, both of Beech Grove, west of Massillon.

A horse owned by Adolph Tissot fell on the icy pavement near the Bee Hive building, Saturday morning, and sustained a fracture of a hind leg. The injury was so serious that the animal was killed.

Cards have been received in Massillon from Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wasson announcing the marriage of their sister, Miss Katherine Cornelia Wasson, to Mr. John Randall Dunn, on Wednesday, January 31, at 1814 Broderick street, San Francisco, Cal.

It now looks as though Beach City would get a local telephone system, as the Bell, Massillon, and an independent company are all talking about it. This is one of the things we need badly and we hope it will not pass over in the windy stage.—Beach City Commercial.

Operations at the plant of the Big Vein coal mines, near Salineville, will be suspended within sixty days and over two hundred men will be idle. The company is composed of Cleveland and northern Ohio capitalists. The officers claim the mines can no longer be operated at a profit, owing to the distance which the coal must be hauled before it can be taken from the mines and loaded on cars.

The fourteenth annual farmers' institute of the Western Stark County Institute Association will be held in the opera house at Beach City, on Monday and Tuesday, February 19 and 20. State Lecturers W. G. Farnsworth, of Waterville, and S. J. Baldwin, of Tallmadge, will be present to address the institute. In addition to the programme there will be an address each day on the good roads proposition, and the subject will be open for discussion.

The train on which the Massillon party, en route to Japan, left for Chicago Saturday morning was an hour and a half late, but there is no doubt but what comfortable connections will be made with the train leaving for the west at 9 o'clock Saturday evening. The party included Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baldwin, Mrs. C. J. Brown and Miss Jessie Russell. They will join Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Russell, at Pasadena, Cal., and sail from San Francisco, February 27.

Albert M. Winold was pleasantly surprised at his home, 36 West Charles street, Friday evening, by about forty friends and neighbors, the occasion being his thirty-seventh birthday anniversary. The evening was devoted to music and various games. Progressive euchre was played at six tables, the first prize, a handsome hand painted fruit dish, being won by Frank Bottoner. The consolation prize, a Santos Dumont airship, was captured by Mrs. C. C. Shertzer. Refreshments were served.

A dispatch from Canal Dover says: Insurance adjusters came here Thursday night and the work of figuring the loss on the burned car barns of the Canton-New Philadelphia railway will be pushed to completion. It is definitely announced that the barns will be rebuilt on the present site, which is owned by the company. The published announcement that the barns would be put up in New Philadelphia was without foundation. The work of putting up the new structure will be taken up as soon as the insurance men have completed their work.

Charles Burnett, a farmer living near Wooster, tried to cross the Baltimore & Ohio tracks ahead of a passenger train Wednesday. The engine hit the buggy, breaking it to pieces, but the horse was thrown to one side and escaped unhurt. Burnett was tossed high in the air. The engineer stopped his train expecting to find Burnett a mangled mass. When the engine stopped Burnett was seen to slide from the pilot unhurt. In falling he had the presence of mind to grab, and getting hold of a part of the cowcatcher managed to save his life.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

William H. Myers to Succeed C. W. Skeels

William H. Myers, of Medina county, has been appointed superintendent of the Charity Rutch school by the board of trustees, to succeed C. W. Skeels. Mr. Myers, with his wife, will take charge of the school April 1.

A Fortunate Young Lady

Miss Jennie Martin, 176 North Paul St., Rochester, N. Y., says: I suffered long from kidney complaints—home physians and their medicine failed to afford me relief. A friend induced me to try Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy at Rondout, N. Y. The effect was wonderful. By the time I had taken two bottles I was completely cured and have had no trouble since.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN M. REESE.

Stanwood, Feb. 10.—Mrs. John M. Reese, aged 58 years, died at her home here at 5:15 Saturday morning. Death was caused by cancer, Mrs. Reese having been ill for about a year. The deceased is survived by her husband and eight children. The latter are Mrs. Rosanna Stigenbauer, of 255 Duncan street, Massillon; Mrs. Esther J. Price, of Elton; Jonathan, Azariah, Thomas J. and Reese Reese, and Mrs. Mary Zaugg and Miss Winifred Reese, of Stanwood. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. S. Adams officiating.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

Frances, the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Klein, of Navarre, died at the home of her parents on Friday. Death was caused by membranous pneumonia. The funeral will be held from St. Clement's church on Saturday.

IMPURITIES IN SEED.

Send Samples to the Experiment Station at Wooster.

The work of the experiment station has shown that a great number of foreign seeds are contained in clover and alfalfa seeds, including the dodders, which are so destructive to alfalfa, and a large number of bad weed seeds like the narrow plantain, wild mustard and a host of new weeds. One impure sample of last year's supply contained thirty-two species of foreign seeds, including both species of dodder, the plantains, many common weeds, three species of Western weeds that are new in Ohio and as many European weeds that have been heretofore unknown in this state. At least a dozen new weeds have been introduced into Ohio in alfalfa seed during half as many years. While this is unacceptable it is still more so to get only black medick (yellow trefoil) plants as many have done, where supposed alfalfa seed was sown. In these times of high priced seeds there is temptation to adulterate with cheap seeds like the black medick, etc., which have very slight value as forage plants with us; there is like disposition to offer seeds with many weed seeds, at low prices. Both these dangers are real. Intending purchasers of such seeds for use in 1906 will do well to be assured of their quality. If a half-ounce seed sample is sent to the botanist, the impurities will be determined as nearly as possible and prompt reports of the same rendered to the parties sending the samples. No charge is made for such examinations and reports. Address samples and communications to Botanist of Experiment Station, Wooster, O.

CHARGES ARE DENIED.

Railroad Official Says Governor Dawson is Mistaken.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—James McCrea, first vice president of the Pennsylvania Company, operating the lines of the Pennsylvania system west of Pittsburg, made a statement today to the Associated Press denying the charges contained in the letter of Governor Dawson, of West Virginia, to Senator Tillman, which was read in the United States Senate Monday. Mr. McCrea said: "The Pennsylvania railroad is not and never has been the owner of mines of bituminous coal, either directly or indirectly, and therefore could not have influenced West Virginia roads in which it is interested to suppress the development of that state to protect its own coal interests. There certainly has been no prompting on the part of the Pennsylvania Company in regard to the Red Rock case or any similar case."

J. J. Brooks, general counsel for the Pennsylvania lines, said today that the company had no intention of contesting the two-cent rate law passed by the Ohio legislature.

CONFIRMED PROOF.

Residents of Massillon Cannot Doubt What Has Been Twice Proved.

In gratitude for complete relief from aches and pains of bad backs—from distressing kidney ills—thousands have publicly recommended Doan's Kidney Pills. Residents of Massillon, who so testified years ago, now say their cures were permanent. This testimony doubly proves the worth of Doan's Kidney Pills to Massillon kidney sufferers. John Wagner, living at 1 West Tremont street, says: "In May, 1900, I gave a recommendation for publication about Doan's Kidney Pills in which I said that they had cured me of heavy, aching pains across my loins and through my back, besides relieving me of other kidney annoyances. During the years which have elapsed there has been no return of these troubles. I recommend this remedy as strongly to-day as I did when it was first brought to my notice."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

After a heavy meal, take a couple of Doan's Regulents, and give your stomach, liver and bowels the help they will need. Regulents bring easy, regular passages of the bowels.

HEPBURN AN OHIOAN.

Iowa's Representative was Born at Wellsville.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Stalwart William Peters Hepburn, of Iowa, is one of the "Big Six" in the House. "Pete," his close friends call him. "Colonel" is the title by which he is addressed by those not on near terms with him. "Lieutenant colonel" is the title with which he came out of the civil war. Hepburn is an important figure in all the business of the House in which he chooses to take a fighting interest. No man is more dreaded in debate. He carries an oratorical "big stick" that he wields without mercy when controversy is hot on the floor. Although 71 years old, he is as strong mentally and physically as any statesman of 50.

On two subjects Hepburn is the strongest anti in the House. He is against civil service and against river and harbor appropriations.

Hepburn was born at Wellsville, O., in 1833, and was taken to Iowa, then a territory, in 1841. He was educated in the public schools of the territory and in a printing office. Then he studied law. He was admitted to practice in 1854. He served as captain, major and lieutenant colonel in the Second Iowa cavalry during the civil war.

DEATH OF JOHN A. MOYER.

Worked for Pennsylvania Company Thirty-six Years.

The following notice of the death of John A. Moyer, well known to many residents of Massillon and vicinity, is taken from a Wilkesbarre paper:

John A. Moyer, aged 64 years, of 89 Grove street, one of the oldest engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad in point of years, died suddenly on Saturday afternoon, in charge of train No. 3 on the Sunbury division, which leaves this city at 7:15 in the morning, arriving at Sunbury at 9:25 and on return leaves Sunbury in the afternoon at 5:25, arriving in Wilkesbarre at 7:35. He has been in charge of this train as engineer for the past fifteen years, running it continuously.

He left the city Saturday morning in his usual good health and arrived in Sunbury on schedule time. He went to the St. Charles hotel, where he had been in the habit of taking dinner for many years. He had eaten his dinner as usual and seemed to be in the best of spirits. After dinner he went out to see some acquaintances, and about 3 o'clock, while at the home of Mrs. James Hayes, while conversing with one of the members of the family, he was attacked with apoplexy, and with a gasp fell back in the chair dead. A physician was summoned but the latter stated that death was almost instantaneous. The remains were brought to this city yesterday on train No. 30, which arrived here at 12:30 p. m., and were removed to the home in Grove street.

Deceased has been employed by the Pennsylvania railroad for the past thirty-six years, and has been an engineer for twenty-seven years, having been in continual service almost the entire time and was looked upon as one of the most trusted engineers employed by the road. He was known to hundreds of trainmen all over the country, and was spoken of in high terms by all who knew him. Previous to his long service with the Pennsylvania railroad he was employed for a time by the Reading road. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division 250, of Sunbury, and was also a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Veteran Association. He also bore the proud distinction of being a veteran of the civil war.

He is survived by his wife, four brothers and three sisters, Peter, of Wilkesbarre; William, of Danville; Frank, of Maudslade, and J. C. Moyer, of Massillon, O., and Mrs. J. B. Yeager, of Northumberland, Pa. Mrs. Bennett and Miss Jennie Moyer, of Maudslade.

NEARBY TOWNS.

SONNENBERG.

Sonnenberg, Feb. 10.—Peter Hofstetter and Levi Amstutz, of Berne, Ind., are here visiting with parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Moser, of Muncie, Mo., are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Henry Hofstetter.

Christian Gerber will hold a public sale on Tuesday, February 13.

Mrs. Fanny Bixler will hold a public sale Saturday, February 10.

Peter Sommer, of this place, has bought a one-half interest in the Berne repair and implement store at Berne, Ind.

There will be literary held at the Sonnenberg school house next Saturday evening.

A carpet rag and quilt sewing was held at John Lehman's residence on Wednesday.

Simon Sommer, a school teacher, was arrested for whipping a boy and will have a trial on Saturday at Orrville.

SMALLPOX IN PRISON.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—It became known today that a convict in the Western penitentiary, who has been imprisoned for a year, was recently attacked with smallpox. He has been isolated at the infirmary and every precaution is being taken by the authorities to prevent a spread of the disease among the nine hundred and fifty inmates of the prison.

CALLS ON ROOSEVELT.

London, Feb. 10.—The Statist, one of the leading financial weeklies of London, deals this week with the Algerias conference in a long leader. The article predicts a failure to reach a conclusion satisfactory to France and consequently continued uneasiness in the commercial world. The point of the Statist's conclusions is that President Roosevelt alone can save the situation "just as he alone was able to bring about peace between Russia and Japan."

"The small Powers," says the article, "are afraid to meddle between Germany and France, and England cannot do anything that would seem contrary either to the spirit or the letter of the Anglo-French agreement. Russia has too much to do at home, and Austria Hungary is too much distracted. There remains, then, only the United States. If the United States is willing to undertake the policing of Morocco everybody will hail with joy her readiness to assume an unpleasant responsibility for the sake of preserving the peace of the world. Nobody would attempt to dictate to the United States, yet everybody knows that the United States is impartial and by undertaking the policing would not entangle herself in treaties, would not incur any danger and would not impose upon herself any gratuitous expense."

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because its soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases, and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by mail free, also a pamphlet telling you how to get it, if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

Delegates at Morocco Cannot Reach an Agreement.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—An early dissolution of the Moroccan conference without an agreement now seems probable. France demands special recognition in Morocco and Germany insists on the equal treatment of all countries.

SPECIAL LOW RATES.

To all points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, February 10th to April 7th, 1906. Round Trip Hikeeekers' Tickets on special days. Write at once for information and maps to Ira F. Schwegel, Traveling Agent, Wisconsin Central R.R., 407 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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BUSINESS ROOMS—One room 40x32 feet; one front office room 12x15; one office 14x18, and one 20x18, on second floor; all with heat; in new independent building. Inquire 111 Independent office.

BUSINESS ROOM now occupied by Fred W. Justus, the plumber, located at 29 N. Erie St. Large cemented basement, drive way in rear, steam heat furnished; possession given April 1, 1906. Inquire of Chas. G. King.

BUSINESS ROOM No. 11 E. Main St. now occupied by G. J. Duncan's Jewelry store. Possession given April 1, 1906. Inquire at Diehlman's clothing and shoe house.

FLAT Five room flat in Sailer Terrace. Inquire G. J. Sailer, Sailer Hotel.

FOUR rooms with bath room, gas for light and heat; city and cistern water, at 101 N. Hill street. Inquire on premises, C. C. Klein.

FOUR rooms; gas for light and heat; city and cistern water; go d large garden; possession given January 2, 1906. Inquire at Shop and W. L. E. Inquire Dr. F. B. Wilkerson, N. Hill street.

HOUSE—8 room houses—cond house from Main on Front St., with bath, gas, furnace, city and cistern water, all modern conveniences; also good barn. Possession given at once. Inquire Frank L. Hemperly, 14 South Erie street.

OFFICE ROOMS—Two office rooms on second floor, of Welles Block. Inquire of Hattie M. Welker. Tel. phone 224.

ONE OFFICE ROOM on second floor in new brick block. Inquire G. Frank 8 Howard grocery.

SIX roomed house, No. 23 Bank St. in good condition; city and cistern water; also has gas and bath fixtures. Henry Lantz.

THREE rooms, 2 down, 1 up, with city and cistern water; gas for light and heat; possession given at once. Also lot for sale in rear, 50 ft. sq. Inquire at premises, No. 25 Richville Ave.

WANTED. FORTY men to buy lots on Commonwealth avenue, just off of Akron street. Lots 50x130 feet. Can be had for \$400, each. \$100 down and \$50 a month, without interest. See S. Burd.

GIRL—For general housework, no washing or ironing; best of wages to right party. Call, write or phone E. J. Ohlinger, 1733 Deaver Ave. Stark phone A 104, Canton, O.

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MAKE Abstracts of Title, Write Deeds and Mortgages, at the law office of H. A. Pina, attorney at law, over 25 E. Main St., Massillon, O. Justus E. White, Notary Public.

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